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THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1917.

We are proud that Louisville gained one of the Farm Loan Banks. Of the various convincing Facts and Figures that are credited as landing the bank at Kentucky's metropolis, none so inspired us as the statement of former Commissioner of Agriculture, John W. Newman, that

Four tons of limestone on every acre of farm land in the State would double the value of the State's agriculture in five years.

This statement is of vital importance to such counties as Powell. We have the land; we have the limestone, and we have the labor, but not the money to make the investment. Now if the Farm Loan bank will just furnish the money and double our land values, we will be up and a coming in old Powell.

The oil production of Estill county last year is reported at \$2,000,000. The products of the farms and all other business, was probably \$100,000. The assessed property of the county is \$1,500,000. The farmers and business men with \$100,000 production paid all the tax of the county while the oil operators with a production of \$2,000,000, paid nothing. The new tax law still proposes to not tax oil and coal production.

Tax reform in Kentucky tastes very bitter to us.

W. J. Bryan deserves all the honor accorded him in Louisville and Lexington last week. He is doing a noble work for humanity and the Democratic party. He quit the Wilson administration because he feared it was too militant, but unlike many others of like mind, he did not rush into the arms of a candidate who was practically committed to war in both hemispheres. In loyalty to party principle as well as faithfulness to an idea, he has given the country a fine example of fidelity and common sense.

The country papers which opposed the proposed tax reform as recommended by the Commission are charged with such views because they do not understand it.

The reason the Times opposes it is because it does not impose a uniform tax on all property alike, as the present law is designed to do. Our present tax laws are everything that they should be. The trouble has always been in the manner of assessment.

The bond business in Kentucky got another set-back when a bond issue of \$180,000 was knocked out in the Clark Circuit Court. The people now-a-days have a fashion of voting bonds and when they see the money is not going to be expended to suit them, they knock out the bonds. There is generally always a loophole to crawl out, and we do not believe Powell county is an exception.

If our readers see any way by which the Times—your newspaper—can be improved and made more helpful and entertaining,

the editor is not only willing, but eager to hear of it. We are on the lookout always for something better, and by helping us you profit thereby, and by benefitting you we gain thereby.

The L. & N. railway built 26 miles of railroad from Winchester to Irvine and refused to install passenger service for eighteen months after completion, and until after indictment in Estill county for refusing to put on passenger trains. Up to this time there is not a depot on the new line from Winchester to Ravenna, Irvine not excepted.

The Barbourville and Manchester Railway Co., completed this week 24 miles of railroad from Barbourville to Manchester, and two weeks before it was completed twelve stations were established, eight depots built and the time card advertised in the local papers.

The Barbourville and Manchester Railroad, it seems, would serve the people; the L. & N. Railroad, it seems, would have the people serve it. That's the difference.

VAUGHN'S MILL.

Messrs. Ernest Gravett and Hubert Burgher are home from Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry King spent the holidays with relatives in Clark county, returning home Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Gravett and family, of Carlock, Ill., are making an extended visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Chas. Welch was confined to her room a few days last week on account of having some dental work done.

Miss Vada Curtis, who is with her sister, Mrs. S. A. Easter, at Irvine, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Curtis.

The Vaughn's Mill Sunday School celebrated Xmas on the 25th with good exercises and a blooming tree, much to the delight of all. Too much cannot be said of the leaders who pushed the enterprise to the front.

SPOUT SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Moses McKinney visited relatives at Winchester last week.

Jordon Barnett has moved to the farm he recently purchased of John T. Wright.

The little eighteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Larrison was very sick last week.

The holidays passed off here very quietly, as usual, no disturbances whatever taking place.

Oscar Milton and family have returned from Illinois where they have resided for these several past years.

J. N. Burgher is building a new dwelling on a portion of the old Burgher homestead, which he purchased from W. E. Moore last spring.

Vernon Christopher and Paul Young of Middletown, O., spent the holidays with Mr. Christopher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Christopher.

Walk Barnett has moved to his father's place—Dick Barnett's. Dill Snowden has moved to the house vacated by Walk, and Zeke Conner has moved to the Lodge property vacated by Snowden.

At the election of the Masonic Lodge last week, Robt. L. Tipton

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SLADE.

Everett Miller, who was operated on at Lexington for appendicitis, has returned home.

Misses Maud and Annie Bowen visited their brother Cassius at Whitesburg during the holidays.

Miss Ella Congleton of Lexington, Mrs. Lula Broadbus and Miss Minnie Congleton of Irvine, spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Congleton.

Mrs. Mary E. Faulkner of Stanton has returned to her old home at Slade to live with Mrs. Minnie Faulkner and children, and is gladly welcomed back by many friends and neighbors. She is now 82 years old but is enjoying good health.

Sanders McKnabb, who lost his house and contents and his meat, by fire, not long since, is going to build again in the same place, as soon as possible. The entire community sympathizes with these old people, and Mrs. McKnabb is an invalid.

There is quite a lot of sickness in the neighborhood. I. H. and Alvin McDaniel have been confined to their beds with severe

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cases of chicken pox, and Miss Sarilda McDaniel is suffering from paralysis of the nerves of her face. We are glad to report that all are somewhat improved. Drs. Lemming and Arkil Congleton have given medical aid.

Some one broke into the depot at Campton Jet, Saturday night and took out 6 qts. whiskey and brandy but overlooked a purse containing money. A warrant was issued for Ernest Stamper, commonly called Ernest Hall, but at this writing he has not been captured. The writer is praying for the day to speedily come when such stuff will be banished forevermore from our land, and be no more a temptation to our young boys, as well as old men. Railroad companies ought to lose for carrying it. The depots along the L. & E. are very nice saloons for the Lexington bars, anyway, and we wish to congratulate some of our agents for holding the booze till after Xmas day. Anyway, we hear of several disappointed who did not get to celebrate our Saviour's birthday in a drunken stupor when, if there should be a day held sacred it is Christmas Day.